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SUBJECT: OECD/XCSS AGENDA FOR INFORMAL BUREAU MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8.

1. SUMMARY: SECRETARIAT JUST DELIVERED PRELIMINARY COPY
SUBJECT AGENDA OUTLINING THREE MAJOR ITEMS: L) NORTH/
SOUTH RELATIONS, 2) PREPARATION FOR NEXT PLENARY MEETING
(FRENCH TEXT PROVIDED); 3) FUTURE TASKS. OFFICIAL
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SUMMARY.

2. QUOTE: POINT 1 NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS.

L. THE NEXT ROUND OF DISCUSSION ON THE MAJOR OUT-
STANDING ISSUES IN RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
WILL BE AT:

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THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY: RESUMED
31ST SESSION (13-16TH SEPTEMBER) AND 32ND ORDINARY SES-
SION (20TH SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER);

THE UNCTAD NEGOTIATIONS CONFERENCE ON A
COMMON FUND (NOVEMBER);

THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY 1978, WHICH WILL DEAL MAINLY BUT IT IS HOPED NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITH INDEBTEDNESS;

THE IMF/IBRD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON 23RD SEPTEMBER.

2. BESIDES EXCHANGING VIEWS ON THE TACTICAL PROBLEMS WHICH ARISE IN THE APPROACH TO AND THE HANDLING OF THESE MEETINGS, THE COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE STOCK OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS WHICH REQUIRE URGENT ATTENTION, BE THEY ISSUES ALREADY DECIDED UPON IN PRINCIPLE SUCH AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON FUND, OR ISSUES ON WHICH NO AGREEMENT COULD BE ARRIVED AT DURING THE CIEC.

3. THE MAJOR ISSUES WHICH HAVE EMERGED FROM THE CIEC AND WHICH ARE PRIORITY ITEMS ON THE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA ARE:

A COMMON FUND, THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES, AND RELATED ISSUES

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A COMMON FUND AND RELATED ISSUES:

4. THE RESUMED UNITED NATIONS NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND UNDER THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES WILL BE HELD UNDER UNCTAD AUSPICES IN GENEVA FROM 7TH NOVEMBER TO 2ND DECEMBER. THIS IS THE SECOND PART OF THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND WHICH CONVENED 7TH MARCH - 1ST APRIL, BUT FAILED TO REACH ANY AGREEMENT. THE RESULTS OF THE CIEC INDICATING A FAVORABLE DISPOSITION TOWARDS A COMMON FUND HAVE PROVIDED NEW IMPETUS FOR RESUMING THE NEGOTIATIONS. ACTIVE PREPARATORY WORK IS UNDER WAY IN OECD IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE HIGH-LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES AND ITS AD HOC GROUP ON A COMMON FUND, THE NEXT MEETINGS OF WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR 8TH/9TH SEPTEMBER AND 27TH/28TH SEPTEMBER.

5. WITH REGARD TO INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, MEETINGS HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE HELD UNDER UNCTAD AUSPICES BETWEEN JULY AND DECEMBER 1977 ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS, BAUXITE,

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, IRON ORE, BANANAS, HARD FIBRES, COPPER, RUBBER, TEA,
TROPICAL TIMBER, PHOSPHATES AND MEAT.

INTERNATIONAL INDEBTEDNESS:

6. THE DEBT ISSUE REMAINED UNRESOLVED AT THE
CIEC: THE G-8 CASE-BY-CASE APPROACH TO DEBT RELIEF WAS
INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE REQUEST BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
FOR GENERALIZED DEBT RELIEF, AND NO CONSENSUS COULD BE
REACHED ON GUIDELINES FOR THE ELIGIBILITY AND MODALITY
FOR DEBT REORGANIZATION.

7. IT NOW SEEMS CERTAIN THAT THE DEBT ISSUE WILL
BE THE MAJOR, THOUGH NOT EXCLUSIVE, SUBJECT OF THE MIN-
ISTERIAL SESSION OF THE UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
BOARD IN JANUARY 1978.

8. WORK IS CONTINUING IN OECD WITH A VIEW TO TAK-
ING STOCK OF THE CURRENT UNCTAD DISCUSSION IN THE WAKE OF
THE CIEC AND TO PREPARE POSITIONS FOR THE UNCTAD MINIS-
TERIAL MEETING IN JANUARY.

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9. MAJOR QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES INCLUDE WHETHER THE EEC/US PROPOSAL ON DEBT AT THE CIEC SHOULD BE ADVANCED AT THE MINISTERIAL BOARD; WHAT OTHER ITEMS MIGHT BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA TO DIFFUSE FOCUS ON DEBT AND THE ROLE OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IN THIS AREA.

ENERGY:

10. THE FRAMEWORK FOR A POSSIBLE CONTINUATION OF THE ENERGY DIALOGUE IS STILL UNCLEAR. THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL HAD, AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE CIEC, SUGGESTED THAT THE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY AN INSTITUTION WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "WORLD ENERGY ORDER" AND THAT IT WOULD BE HARDLY CONCEIVABLE THAT COOPERATIVE SYSTEMS ON ENERGY CAN BE SET UP OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSAL UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION.

11. AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE OPEC COUNTRIES TO AVOID THE ISSUE, THE RECENT ECOSOC SESSION CLOSED ITS DISCUSSION ON ENERGY WITHOUT GIVING ANY MEANINGFUL INDICATION AS TO WHETHER AND HOW THE G-77 AND OPEC COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT STAGE OF THE ENERGY DIALOGUE. THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS MATTER MAY BE RAISED IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY SOME COUNTRIES.

12. THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE IEA WILL MEET AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON 5TH AND 6TH OCTOBER. IT HAS ON ITS AGENDA A DISCUSSION ON THE POSITION OF IEA MEMBERS WITH RESPECT TO A POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF THE ENERGY DIALOGUE

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WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS OR ELSEWHERE.

REACTIONS TO THE RESULTS OF CIEC IN UN/UNCTAD:

13. IN ADDITION THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION MAY WISH TO REVIEW HOW THE RESULTS OF THE CIEC HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE RECEIVED IN UNITED NATIONS BODIES. ATTEMPTS TO DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP IN UNIDO AND ECOSOC WERE FRUSTRATED BY THE OPPOSITION OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THEY REFUSED TO ACCEPT REFERENCE TO THE CIEC IN ANY RESOLUTION. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS AT THE RESUMED 31ST SESSION OF THE UNGA AT WHICH PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING CIEC WILL BE REVIEWED.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY:

14. THEY WILL ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER THE PREPARATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, THE NATURE AND PRIORITY OF A MORE DETERMINED BASIC HUMAN NEEDS-ORIENTED APPROACH IN THE CONTEXT OF SUCH A STRATEGY AND IN RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE ECOSOC SESSION IN AUGUST AT THE INITIATIVE OF YUGOSLAVIA (E/6047, RESOLUTION III) ECOSOC RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY "TO DETERMINE AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION APPROPRIATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY FOR THE FORMULATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, WHICH WOULD REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH THE ECOSOC". IN THE SAME

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RESOLUTION THE COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IS REQUESTED "TO CONSIDER AND IDENTIFY POSSIBLE ELEMENTS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY" AND TO SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY MENTIONED ABOVE.

15. AT THE OECD COUNCIL MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN JUNE THIS YEAR, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF

STATE, ELABORATING ON SUGGESTIONS MADE EARLIER IN THE CIEC, PROPOSED THAT THE OECD DESIGN "A PROGRAMME FOR BASIC HUMAN NEEDS". THE DAC HAS RESPONDED TO THIS SUGGESTION AND A MAJOR WORK PROGRAMME HAS BEEN LAUNCHED, THE FIRST RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE REPORTED TO THE DAC HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON 26TH-27TH OCTOBER.

16. THIS WORK SHOULD BE SEEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEED RECOGNIZED AT THE 20TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE, FOR DEVELOPING A LONG-TERM CONCEPT ON NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN THE BROADEST SENSE.

3. QUOTE: POINT 2: PREPARATION DE LA PROCHAINE
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REUNION PLENIERE:

A) FIXATION DE LA DATE DE LA REUNION: CELLE-CI ETAIT INITIALEMENT PREVUE POUR LA 2E SEMAINE D'OCTOBRE. IL CONVIENT MAINTENANT DE TENIR COMPTE DE LA REUNION MINISTERIELLE DU COMITE DIRECTEUR DE L'AIE QUI EST FIXEE AUX 5-6 OCTOBRE. DE CE FAIT, LES DATES DU 4 OU DU 7 OCTOBRE POURRAIENT ETRE ENVISAGEES.

B) ORDRE DU JUR: OUTRE LE POINT CONCERNANT LES RELATIONS NORD-SUD (VOIR CI-DESSUS), IL EST PREVU D'AVOIR UNE DISCUSSION APPROFONDIE SUR CERTAINS ASPECTS DES RELATIONS ECONOMIQUES EST-OUEST. CETTE DISCUSSION S'APPUIERA SUR LES TRAVAUX POURSUIVIS AU SEIN DE L'ORGANISATION DEPUIS PRES D'UN AN. UNE NOTE DU SECRETARIAT SERA DISTRIBUEE APRES QUE LE SECRETAIRE GENERAL AIT PROCEDÉ A LA CONSULTATION DE QUELQUES EXPERTS A LA MI-SEPTEMBRE. ELLE PORTERA ESSENTIELLEMENT SUR LES PROBLEMES D'ECHANGES ET DE BALANCE DES PAIEMENTS (Y COMPRIS LA DETTE) ET SUR LA QUESTION DES RELATIONS ENTRE LES PAYS COMMUNISTES ET LES PAYS EN VOIE DE DEVELOPPEMENT, ET L'INCIDENCE DE CELLES-CI SUR LES RELATIONS NORD-SUD.

PAR AILLEURS, CERTAINS MEMBRES DU COMITE SE DEMANDENT S'IL NE SERAIT PAS UTILE DE FAIRE UN TOUR D'HORIZON DE LA SITUATION ECONOMIQUE QUI CONSTITUE LE CADRE DETERMINANT DES RELATIONS ECONOMIQUES ENTRE NOS PAYS ET QUI EXPLIQUE, EN PARTICULIER, LA RECRUESCENCE PREOCCUPANTE DES PRESSIONS PROTECTIONNISTES.

4. QUOTE: POINT 3: FUTURE TASKS

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1. THE EXCSS IS UNIQUE IN OECD TERMS IN THAT IT BRINGS TOGETHER FROM CAPITALS SENIOR POLICY MAKERS FROM A RANGE OF DISCIPLINES. THE COMMITTEE HAS AS ITS MAIN TASK THE PROVISION OF THE BROAD LINES OF APPROACH FOR THE MORE SPECIALIZED WORK WHICH IS CARRIED OUT IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE COMMITTEE SHOULD THEREFORE DEVOTE ITS ATTENTION PRINCIPALLY TO THE WIDER ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND ALSO BETWEEN THOSE COUNTRIES AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

2. DURING THE COMING 12 MONTHS, THE EXCSS MIGHT CONSIDER SOME ASPECTS OF THE ADAPTATION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OF COURSE THE WORK CONDUCTED BY THE DAC ON A NEW APPROACH TO AID PROBLEMS; IT MIGHT ALSO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE EVOLUTION OF NORTH-SOUTH NEGOTIATIONS. FINALLY, IT WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS FROM THE WORK ON RELATIONS WITH THE EASTERN COUNTRIES. FINALLY, THE COMMITTEE MIGHT TAKE IT UPON ITSELF TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS CONCERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES WHENEVER INTERRELATED POLICIES ARE AT ISSUE.

3. WITHIN THESE BROAD SPHERES OF ACTIVITY THERE WILL BE MANY SPECIFIC POINTS WHICH WILL REQUIRE ATTENTION EITHER ON AN AD HOC OR REGULAR BASIS. THE COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO PUT FORWARD SUGGESTIONS FOR TOPICS, AND HOW THESE MIGHT BE HANDLED. END QUOTE. SALZMAN

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